

**REMARKS**

The Applicant has broadened the scope of some of the claims to recite the use of a "cushioning device" as opposed to a bladder. It is respectfully submitted that these amended claims are not taught by the prior art and are in allowable condition.

**CONCLUSION**

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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